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Mr. President,

The Health and Human Services Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **S.B. 132**, CHILD WELFARE AMENDMENTS, by Senator W. A. Harper, with the following amendments:

- 1. Page 16, Line 489 through Page 17, Line 497:
 - 489 (7) $\{-(a)\}$ "Relative" means an adult who:
 - 490 { (a) is the child's grandparent, great grandparent, aunt, great aunt, uncle, great
 - 491 uncle, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepparent, first cousin, stepsibling, or sibling;
 - 492 { (b) (ii) } is a first cousin of the child's parent;
 - 493 {-[(c)] (iii) except is provided in Subsection (7)(b), } (c) is [an adoptive] a permanent guardian
 - or natural parent of the child's sibling; or
 - 495 { [(d)] (iv) } (d) in the case of a child who is an Indian child, is an extended family member as
 - defined in the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1903.
 - 497 {<u>(b) "Relative" does not include the permanent guardian or natural parent</u> of the child.}
- 2. Page 43, Lines 1322 through 1327:
 - 1322 (13) (a) If a juvenile court determines that a minor will not be returned to a parent of
 - the minor, the juvenile court shall consider appropriate placement options inside and







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outside of 1324 the state. (b) In considering { appropriation } appropriate placement options 1325 under Subsection (13)(a), the juvenile court shall provide preferential consideration to a relative's request for placement 1326 of 1327 the minor.

Respectfully,

Michael S. Kennedy Chair

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